years, options of Rebate and Market Development Assistance (MDA), Insurance cover to Khadi artisans, emphasis on improvement of Khadi products, creation of packaging and design facilities measures to promote marketing, brand building, cluster development, focus on core areas and provision of additional working capital.

Statement

Disbursement Under CBC to North East Region

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	States	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
1	Arunachal-Pradesh	74.96	11.39	—	—	—	—
2	Assam	98.72	74.02	—	1.52	1.49	2.73
3	Manipur	223.41	165.15	—	583.69	255.20	623.86
4	Mizoram	274.37	2.80	15.00	734.46	142.82	—
5	Meghalaya	148.08	3.45	—	97.43	—	—
6	Nagaland	832.01	6.55	—	1.57	4.17	—
7	Tripura	66.25	—	—	—	3.05	—
	TOTAL	1717.80	263.36	15.00	1418.67	406.73	626.59

Insurance Cover to Khadi Artisans

4269. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have finalised a scheme for providing insurance cover to Khadi Artisans in the country;

(b) whether the Life Insurance Corporation of India and General Insurance Corporation have been involved in this venture; and

(c) the estimated number of Artisans likely to be covered under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) The package announced by the Government for the promotion and development of Khadi Village Industries, *inter-alia* includes insurance cover to Khadi Artisans.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) All eligible spinners and weavers will be covered under the insurance scheme.

Crisis in Khadi Gramodyog

4270. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Ghandhivad kee Aad main-Choutha stamb garibon ke naam par lootkhasot karne wale tantra ka bachav kyon karate hai" published in the India Today's 4th July, 2001 issue;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether the Central Government have received any report from Arthur Anderson Management Advisor Company on present crisis of Khadi Gramodyog; and

(d) if so, Government's response thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) promotes Khadi and village industries by providing financial and managerial support. Under the financial support, the KVIC, *inter-alia,* gives Khadi rebate against sale of Khadi products. Cases of fraudulent claims of Khadi rebate are dealt with by the KVIC and remedial/punitive action is taken thereon. To strengthen the Khadi and V.I. sector the Government on 14.05.2001 has announced a Package which comprises of a Rebate Policy for five years, options of Rebate and Market Development Assistance (MDA), Insurance cover to Khadi artisans, emphasis on improvement of Khadi products, creation of